VIA HAND DELIVERY

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Woonsocket Water Division; Abbreviated Rate Change Filing Pursuant to Commission Rule 2.10

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket Water Division ("WWD"), please find an original and nine copies of the above-referenced filing. The revised tariff is for effect as of May 1, 2003. The new rates are designed to collect additional revenues in a twelve (12) month period equal to \$1,093,451 (approximately 24.9%). We have included in this filing pre-filed testimony from two witnesses to be presented by WWD. We have also included copies of all related supporting documents.

WWD has complied with all requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for an abbreviated filing. Specifically, the requested revenue increase is less than 25% over the normalized test year period. Further, WWD was subject to a general rate order from the Commission in 1999, within the required five year period. In accordance with the Rules and with statute, we are providing a copy of this filing to the following communities and organizations:

- 1. Rhode Island Attorney General
- 2. Town Clerk of the Town of Cumberland
- 3. City Clerk of the City of Woonsocket
- 4. Town Clerk of the Town of North Smithfield
- 5. Town Clerk of the Town of Bellingham
- 6. Town Clerk of the Town of Blackstone

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We have also included a copy of our proposed notice to be published in the <u>Providence Journal</u>. We would respectfully request that the Commission immediately review and approve the enclosed notice so that it might be published within the 10 day period prescribed by law. If we are unable to provide notices of the proposed increase in our billing, we will be sending separate mail notices to all our customers in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The following individuals should be added to the Service List:

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Very truly yours,

CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION

By its Attorney

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